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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Toshiro Oda
Serial No.: 10/590,340
Conf. No.: 6997
Filed: 9/19/2008
For: HIGH SILICON STAINLESS
STEEL, SPRING MADE THEREOF,
AND PROCESS FOR
MANUFACTURING HIGH
SILICON STAINLESS STEEL

Group Art 1733
Unit:
Examiner: Yang, Jie

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2011 in the
above-identified application.

The application has been restricted to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 9-10, drawn to a product of a high silicon stainless steel with specific grain size and elongation.
- II. Claims 6-8, drawn to a process of manufacturing a high silicon stainless steel with specific grain size.
- III. Claims 5 and 11-15, drawn to a spring made of a high silicon stainless steel.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 6-8. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to timely file a divisional application on the non-elected claims and notes that rejoinder may be possible during prosecution.

In view of the above-identified election and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all the issues raised in the June 2, 2011 Restriction Requirement have been addressed. In the event that there are additional issues which may be corrected by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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